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FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4650
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SUBJ: DEFECTION OF IRAQI AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN REPORTED

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: AFTERNOON STOCKHOLM PRESS IS HEAD-
LINING REPORTED DEFECTION OF IRAQI AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN MAJOR
GENERAL HASSAN AL-NAQUIB. REPORTS CLAIM AL-NAQUIB WITH FAMILY
IS NOW HIDING IN BEIRUT AND HAS JOINED PLO AS ARRAFAT POLITICAL
ADVISOR. AL-NAQUIB HAS BEEN AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN SINCE JUNE 1976.
MFA SPOKESMEN HAS THUS FAR DECLINED TO COMMENT ON PRESS STORIES.
END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: COMMENT: ACCORDING TO MFA SOURCE,
AL-NAQUIB "DISAPPEARED" FROM STOCKHOLM ABOUT A MONTH AGO AND
HIS WHEREABOUTS WERE UNKNOWN UNTIL HIS SURFACING IN BEIRUT
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THIS WEEK. SOURCE SAID THAT AL-NAQUIB HAD MADE LITTLE SECRET
IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES OF HIS INCREASING BITTERNESS OVER BAGHDAD
TREATMENT OF PLO. AS COMMANDER OF IRAQI TROOPS IN JORDAN
IN 1967 AND AS MEMBER OF MILITARY WING OF THE BA'ATH PARTY,
IT WAS GENERALLY BELIEVED AT MFA THAT AL-NAQUIB WAS ASSIGNED
TO STOCKHOLM IN THE FIRST INSTANCE TO NEUTRALIZE WHATEVER
INFLUENCE HE MIGHT HAVE HAD IN BAGHDAD. NEWS OF AL-NAQUIB'S

"DEFECTION" TO PLO FOLLOWED CLOSELY ON THE HEELS OF A THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO SWEDEN OF IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER HAMID ALWAN, SEPTEMBER 4-6. ACCORDING TO MFA SOURCE, FM'S VISIT HERE WAS PART OF SWING THROUGH WESTERN EUROPEAN NEUTRAL COUNTRIES PLANNED LONG AGO. HAMID ALWAN NEITHER MENTIONED NOR ASKED GOS OFFICIALS ABOUT AL-NAQUIB. END CONFIDENTIAL.
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